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1. There has been much speculation over the air capabilities and potentials of the Chinese Communists as a result of the CCAF airforce performance during the Korean War against the United Nations. Apparently there was no indication of any serious shortage of planes in the Chinese Communist Airforce during the period of hostilities although the enemy planes operated in a very restricted area.

2. [redacted] the planes which came out to fight in Mig Alley or farther south were of Soviet origin and manufacture. There is no evidence that any one of these planes were manufactured in either Chinese or North Korean plants. The problem now remains is whether these planes came crated all the way to North Korea from a Soviet plant or whether there are aircraft plants in Manchuria capable of assembling the parts and accessories.

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3. [redacted]

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4. There may have been some plants farther north in Manchuria which were disguised and might not be listed as aircraft plants, but if there were any listed as "plants" [redacted] they were only warehouses for plane parts and equipment.

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